

Administrative Council Meeting

Date: 8/15/2018 Time: 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Rob Marshall, VirLyn Hoff, Dawn Thomsen, Randi Watterson, Jeane Lang, Avis Richter, Don Enger, Anita Tulp, Lloyd Miller, and Pastor Dayne Zachrison

Chair Rob Marshall asked Pastor Dayne to open our meeting with devotions. Pastor Dayne gave us a devotion based on our next sermon series titled "Enough."

The minutes from the last meeting were read and Rob asked for any additions or corrections. Dawn moved to approve the minutes as read and Jeane seconded. Motion approved. Rob asked for any additions to the agenda.

Advance Team— Leadership— Spiritual Formation—Our fall sermon series coming up is called *Enough* and is based on the book *Enough* by Adam Hamilton.

Community engagement—We Love Washington School—We raised \$752.00 during an offering one Sunday for school supplies. A welcome banner was put up today for teachers in-service coming up tomorrow. Dawn said they will also offer coffee/drink discounts to teachers and staff from Epworth Holy Grounds.

Coffee Kiosk—Dawn reported that the landscaping is done and looks good. Donations helped pay for it. She will be replacing the flag out on the street soon. They are going through about 15 gallons of milk per week. Labels on the coffee cups express our ministry here at Epworth. Dawn said that Just Kidding Daycare wants to cross market with us so they will be giving people free coffee for touring the daycare facility.

Finance—Avis reported that we are at 78% of giving so we are very short on funds right now. She has not paid apportionments which come to about \$14,000 at this point. All bills are paid but we are using Salem's savings to keep in the positive. We would need about \$37,000 to break even. Finance will meet with the Endowment Team before our next monthly meeting. Rob asked what our apportionments consist of. Pastor Dayne commented that we are still at 16% of giving yet that will change in another year and is projected to go down to 15%. Ideas to improve giving are being discussed.

Trustees—Don reported that his biggest item to report was that the storm drain off the church roof was in the wrong spot. It was running into the sanitary system instead of the storm system and which caused flooding in the VCSU Fieldhouse. It was fixed yesterday and the church will not incur any expenses for it since it was a mistake by the contractors doing the work. There is no report from the Parsonage Task Force since they have not met, yet they will be meeting again.

Endowment—Will be meeting next month.

Christian Ed.—Dawn said that she is busy planning a fun day of activities and lunch for kids and adults that will start off our Sunday School year at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 26th. Sunday School classes will officially start on the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 9th.

Staff/Parish—Pastor Dayne reported that Rydel Samuelson has been hired to be our new Youth Director for Epworth and will be assuming all the duties of that position including management of the youth bank account.

Worship—None.

Missions—Pastor Dayne reported that school supplies are being collected. Since UMCOR made some changes to the school kits, they no longer accept the cloth school bags as they are no longer sending kits out of the country. Kits assembled will stay in the US. Rob asked about the Backpack Program. Pastor Dayne said that it is supported by John Deere and other donated funds. We will be providing an opportunity to help support the high school pantry which is in need of support.

Youth—Pastor Dayne reported that Rydel is ready to start as Youth Director next week.

Young Adult—Pastor Dayne said *The Vine* is ready to start and looking to grow that ministry. Their first worship service will be on Sunday, August 26th at 7:00 pm.

Congregational Care—VirLyn reported that she served 19 at the Church Family Supper tonight and is keeping in touch with people in need.

UMW—VirLyn reported there were two big events for UMW recently. The August Brunch with a visit from our shepherdess giving information about different ministries we could support and we had a great Bake Sale that was held during the Corn Feed. We made over \$1200 and are now trying to decide how to best use those funds.

UMM—Don reported that we served about 450 people for the Corn Feed. He has not heard about the profits yet.

New business—Rob asked for any other business. Pastor Dayne gave a report and said that fall scheduling is filling up. We serve as host for a 4-H Club, Cub Scouts, the Nurturing Parent Program, and will soon host the Girl Scouts program. The new Church Directories are out. It includes great photos of the church construction.

With no other business, Pastor Dayne closed our meeting with the Breakthrough prayer.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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